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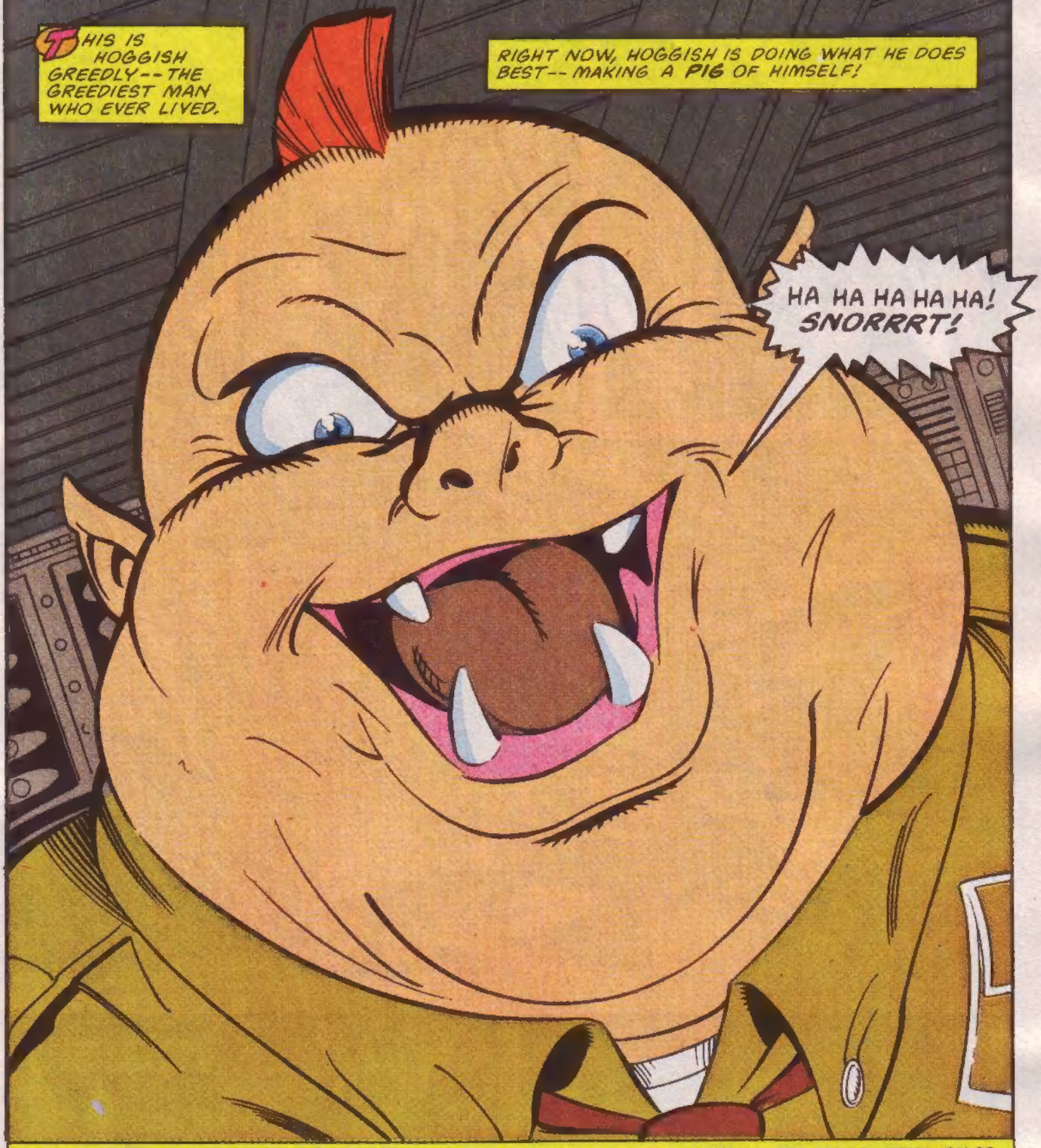
THIS IS HOGGISH GREEDLY--THE GREEDIEST MAN WHO EVER LIVED.
RIGHT NOW, HOGGISH IS DOING WHAT HE DOES BEST--MAKING A PIG OF HIMSELF!
HA HA HA HA HA! SNORRRT!

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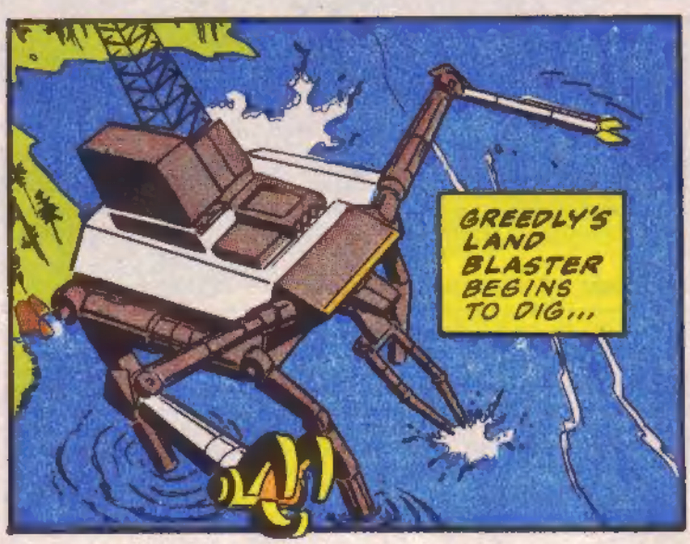
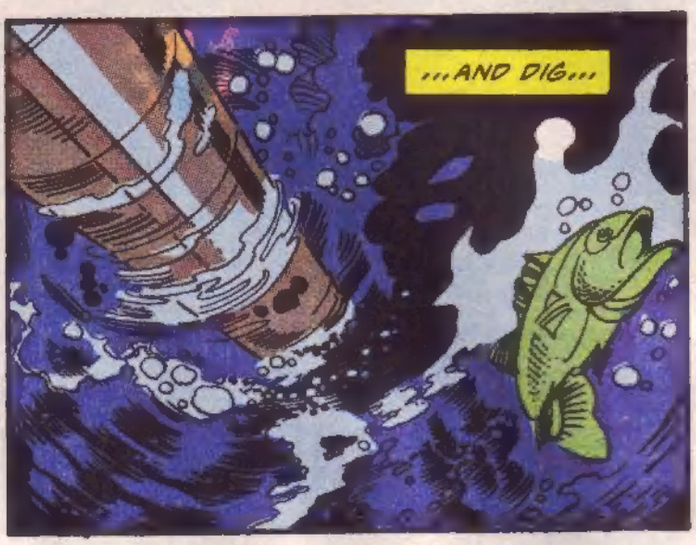
HA HA! WITH THIS GIANT LAND BLASTER, I'LL BE ABLE TO DRILL FOR OIL ANYWHERE!
YEAH, BOSS, YEAH!
EVEN IN THE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY!
RIGHT! AND BEFORE ANYBODY EVEN KNOWS WE'RE HERE, WE'LL HAVE OUR TANKS FULL OF OIL AND BE GONE!


GREEDLY'S LAND BLASTER BEGINS TO DIG...


...AND DIG...

DEEP WITHIN THE EARTH, GAIA, THE SPIRIT OF EARTH, SLEEPS.
SHE HAS RESTED PEACEFULLY FOR A HUNDRED YEARS.
BUT SHE IS ABOUT TO HAVE A RUDE AWAKENING!
PLISH!
WHAT ON EARTH!
IT'S THOSE POOR SILLY HUMANS AGAIN.
THEY'RE GOING TO DESTROY MY PLANET IF THEY KEEP GOING LIKE THIS. WHAT'S A MOTHER TO DO?
IT'S WORSE THAN I THOUGHT! EARTH IS DYING!

THE TIME HAS COME FOR... THE RINGS!
I NEED YOUNG PEOPLE TO HELP NOW, STARTING WITH FIVE VERY SPECIAL KIDS-- FROM FIVE CORNERS OF THE GLOBE!
WITH THAT, THE RINGS FLY...
...INSTANTLY TRANSPORTED ACROSS THE WORLD TO FIVE UNIQUE YOUNGSTERS.
KWAME, FROM AFRICA
GI, FROM ASIA
WHEELER, FROM NORTH AMERICA
LINKA, FROM THE SOVIET UNION
MA-TI, FROM SOUTH AMERICA

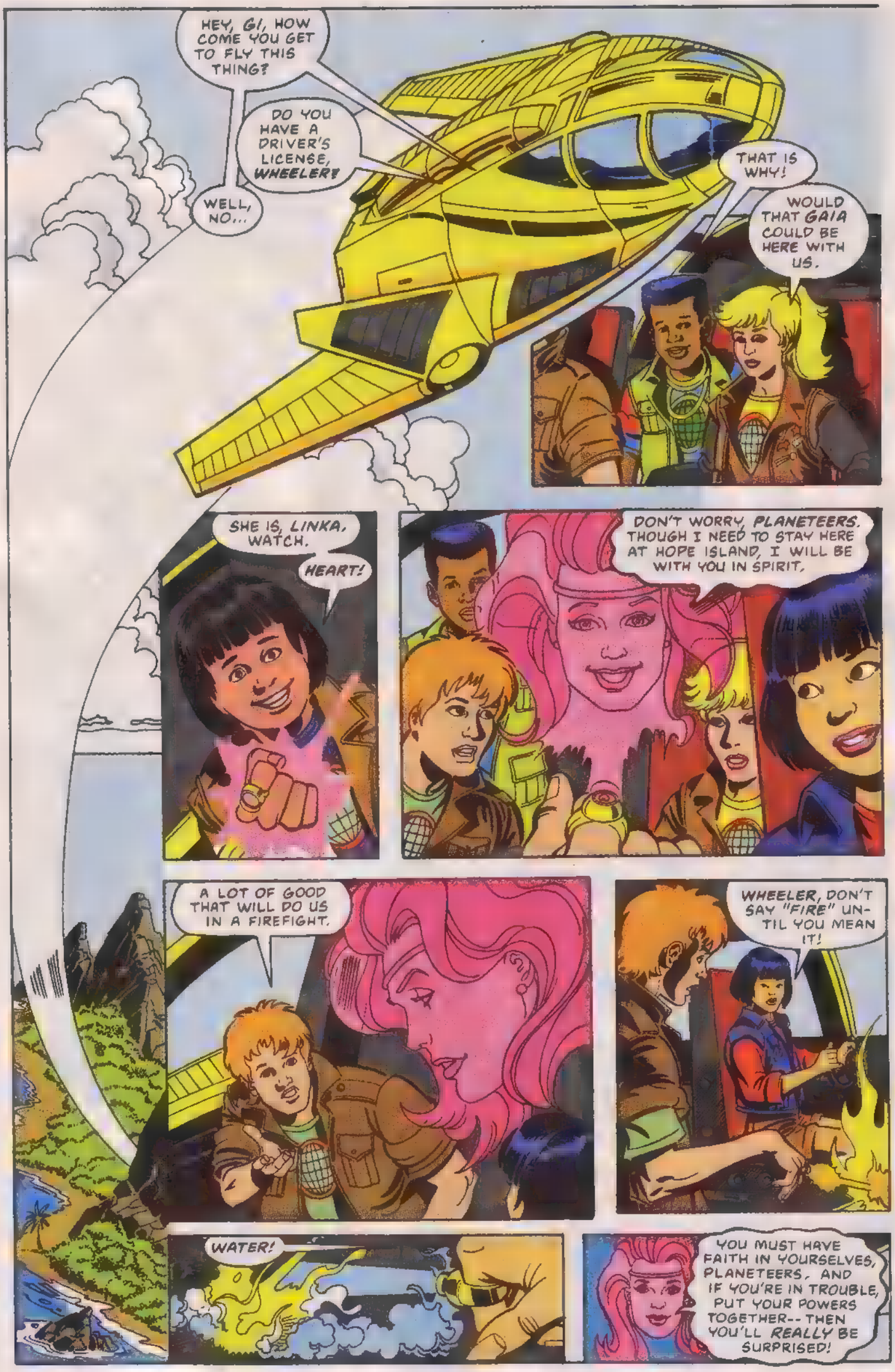
THESE ARE THE FIRST OF GAIA'S PLANETEERS -- THE GREATEST HOPE OF THE EARTH!
THE RINGS GLOW BRIGHTLY, AS GAIA TELEPORTS THE CHILDREN TO HER HOME.
WELCOME TO HOPE ISLAND!
UH, SAY, LADY-- YOU WANNA EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
HMPH. SO MUCH FOR DRAMA.
DON'T WORRY. COME WITH ME, AND ALL WILL BE EXPLAINED.

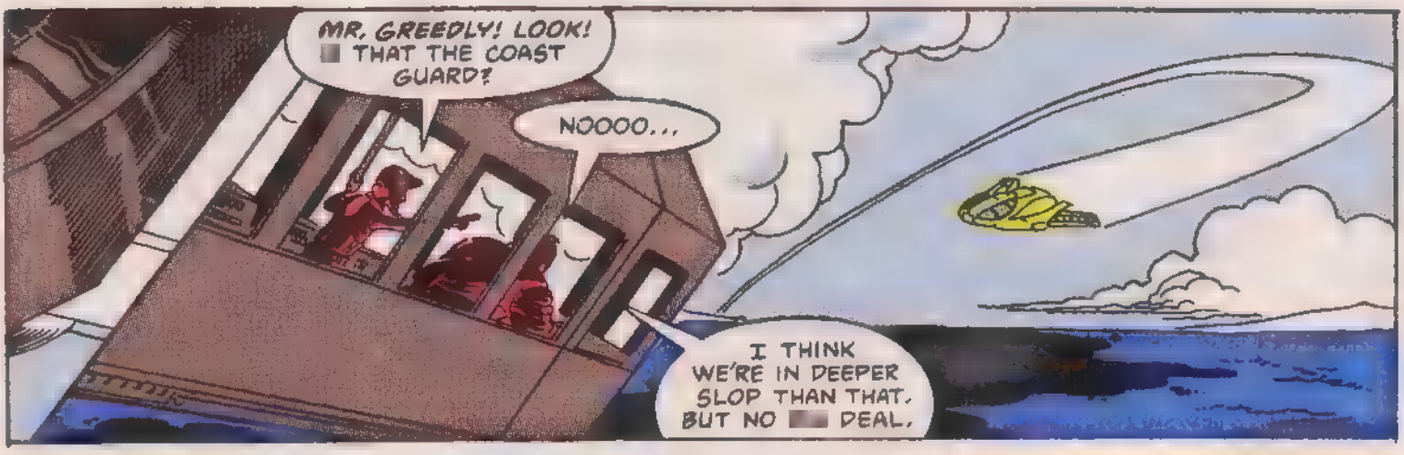
LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT --YOUR NAME IS GAIA, AND YOU'RE THE SPIRIT OF THE EARTH?
AND YOU BROUGHT US HERE TO SAVE THE EARTH FROM BEING RUINED?
THAT'S ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT.
SAVING OUR PLANET IS, YES, A GOOD THING, HOWEVER, WE ARE BUT YOUTHS. HOW CAN WE HELP?
LOVE YOUR ACCENT, BABE, YOU RUSSIAN?
SOVIET. PLEASE GO AWAY.
LOVE IT.
AHEM. AS I WAS SAYING, THROUGH YOUR POWER RINGS, EACH OF YOU CAN CONTROL ONE POWER OF NATURE, TO A LIMITED DEGREE.
FOR INSTANCE, YOU, LINKA...
CONTROL THE POWER OF THE WIND. TRY IT.
UH, ALL RIGHT. WIND!
WHOOOSH!

AIIII! NO!! STOP!!
OOOF!
CHORT VOZMI!*
* RUSSIAN FOR "DRAT IT!"
KWAME, YOUR POWER IS EARTH.
GO AHEAD, TRY IT.
ALL RIGHT, EARTH!
KRAAAK!!
WHAT'S MY ELEMENT? WATER? FIRE?
OOPS, YOU GOT AN EXTINGUISHER AROUND HERE?
BETTER THAN THAT, GI, YOUR POWER IS WATER.
WATER?
SPLOOSH!
HO HO! WHEELER, YOU SHOULD SEE THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE!
NICE JOB, TOOTS! I'M ALL WET!
YOU CERTAINLY ARE!
WELL, DON'T JUST STAND THERE! SOMEBODY GET ME A TOWEL!

REE REE!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR POWER IS, MA-TI?
I ALREADY KNOW!
MINE IS HEART.
LOOK, THE MONKEY IS CALM ONCE AGAIN!
MA-TI DID IT!
I CAN SENSE YOU ALL ... HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS... FEEL YOUR FEELINGS.
BOZHE MOI!* I HEAR HIM -- IN MY HEAD!
THAT'S RIGHT, MA-TI. YOURS IS THE GREATEST POWER OF ALL.
FOR WITHOUT A HEART TO GUIDE THEM, THE OTHER POWERS ARE USELESS.
THROUGH YOU, THE OTHERS WILL ALWAYS BE LINKED -- NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE.
*RUSSIAN FOR "OH, MY GOODNESS."

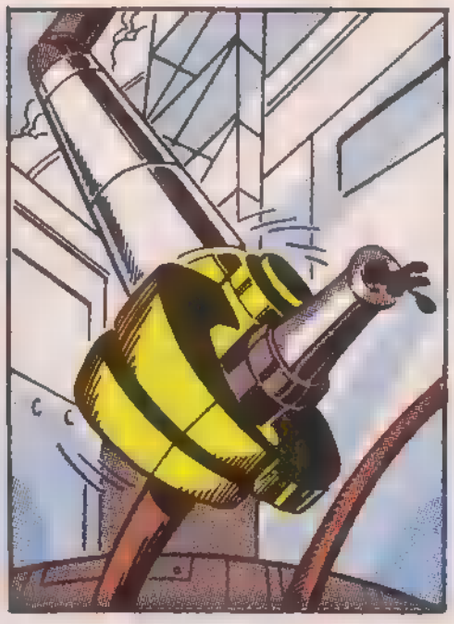
ON THE SIDE OF GOOD, YOU ARE A TEAM -- NOW AND FOR-EVER!
THE PLANETEERS!
MAN, THIS IS GONNA BE HOT!
YIPE!
BUT FIRST, I SEE WE WILL NEED TO PRACTICE WITH OUR NEW POWERS.
I'M AFRAID THERE'S NO TIME, KWAME.
THE PLANET IS THREATENED BY THE EVIL HOGGISH GREEDLY, AND HIS SIDEKICK, RIGGER.
HA HA HA HA-- SNORRT!

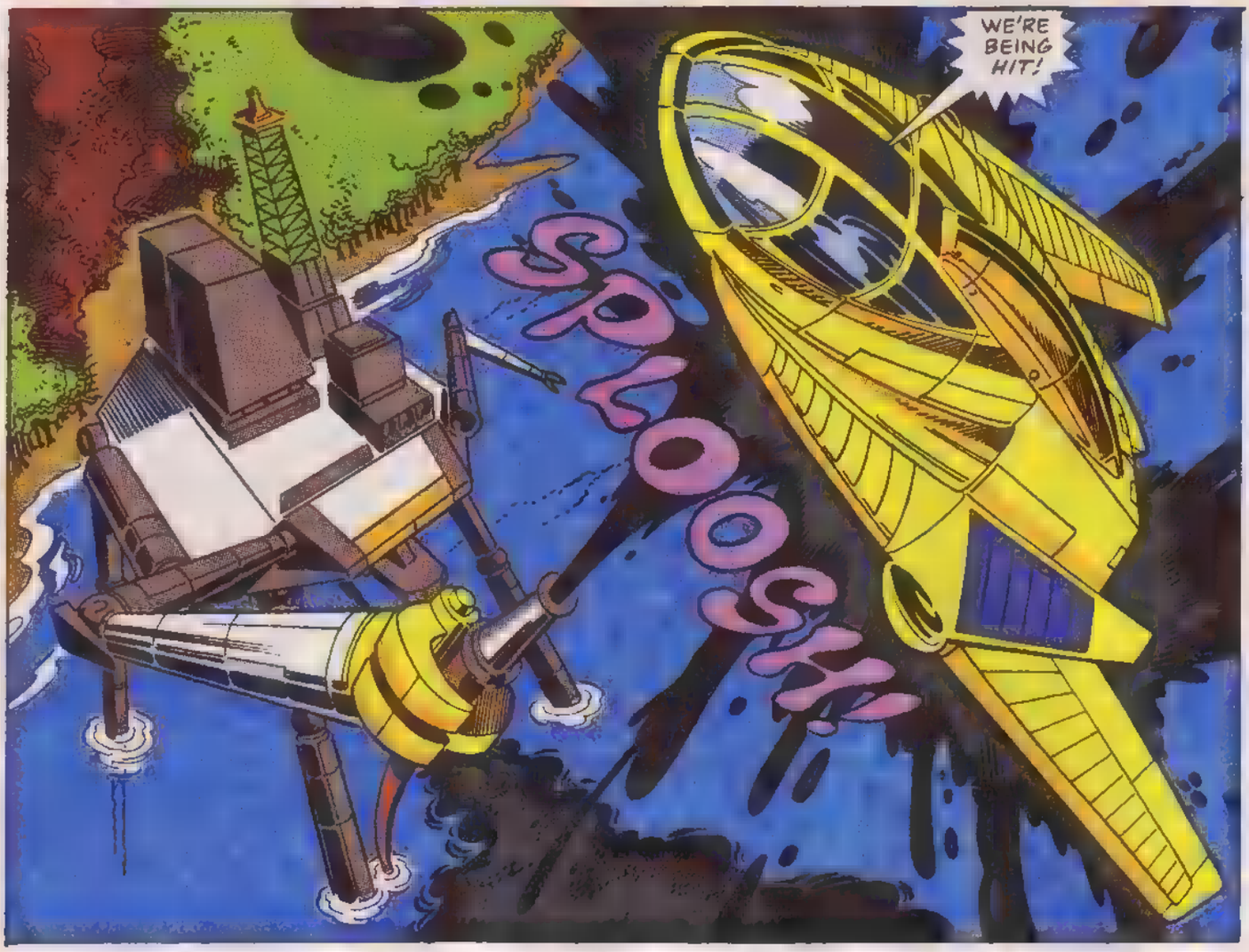

HEY, GI, HOW COME YOU GET TO FLY THIS THING?
DO YOU HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE, WHEELER?
WELL, NO...
THAT IS WHY!
WOULD THAT GAIA COULD BE HERE WITH US.
SHE IS, LINKA, WATCH.
HEART!
DON'T WORRY, PLANETEERS. THOUGH I NEED TO STAY HERE AT HOPE ISLAND, I WILL BE WITH YOU IN SPIRIT.
A LOT OF GOOD THAT WILL DO US IN A FIREFIGHT.
WHEELER, DON'T SAY "FIRE" UNTIL YOU MEAN IT!
WATER!
YOU MUST HAVE FAITH IN YOURSELVES, PLANETEERS, AND IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE, PUT YOUR POWERS TOGETHER-- THEN YOU'LL REALLY BE SURPRISED!


MR. GREEDLY! LOOK! THAT THE COAST GUARD?
NOOOO...
I THINK WE'RE IN DEEPER SLOP THAN THAT. BUT NO DEAL.

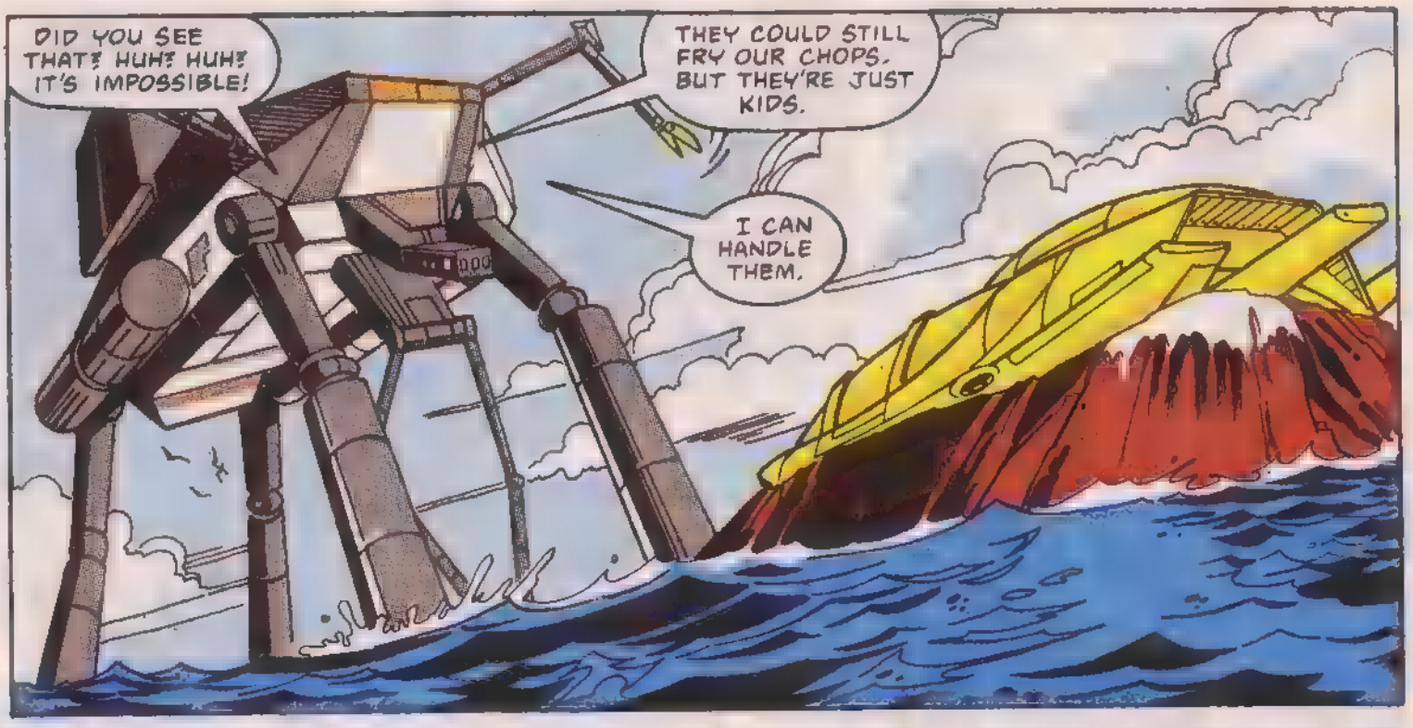
HOGGISH GREEDLY WILL BE TOO "SLICK" FOR THEM!

I'LL SPRAY THEM WITH OIL!




WE'RE BEING HIT!
SPLOOSH!

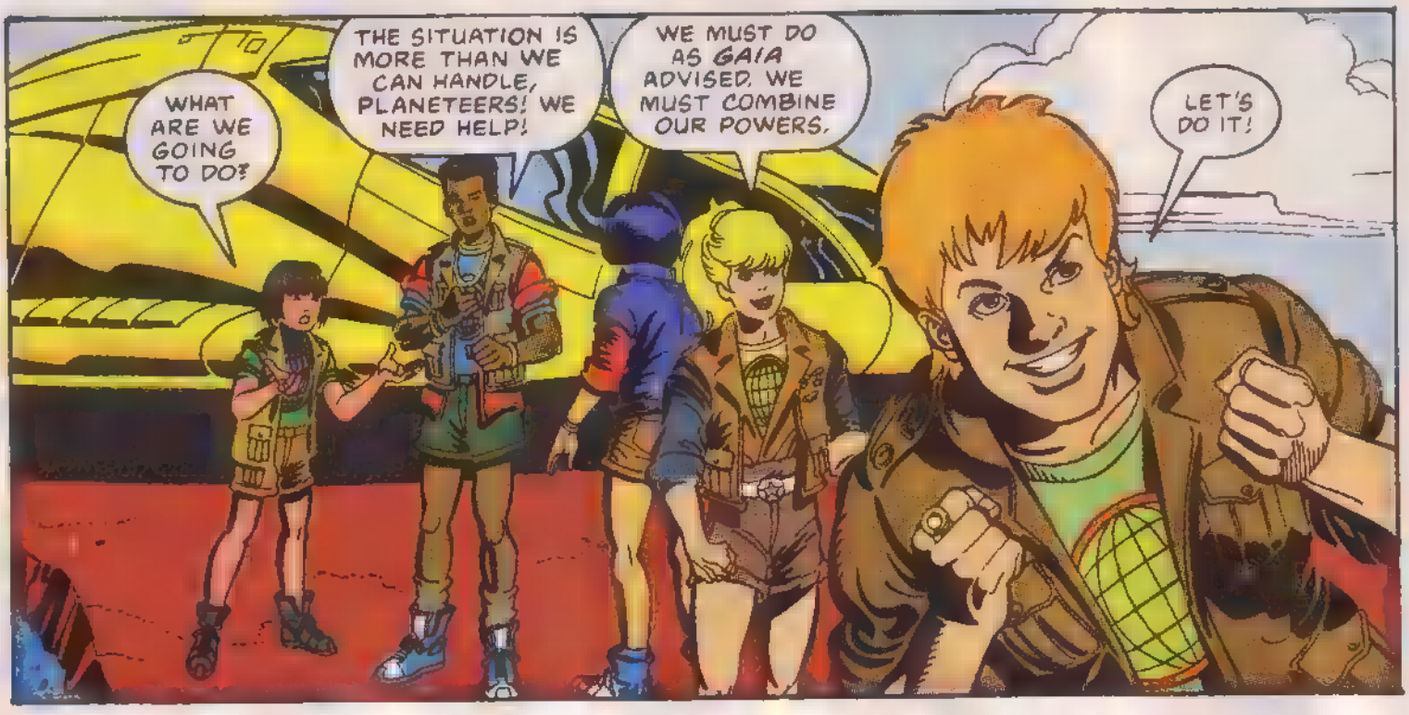
WELL, OIL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL! HAW HAW!
THE CONTROLS ARE JAMMED!
WE'RE GOING DOWN!
NO, WE ARE NOT! WHEELER, TAKE OUT THE DOOR!
YOU GOT IT, ROOSKIE-TOOTSIE! FIRE!
WHOOOM!!
I WILL SLOW OUR DESCENT! WIND!
AND I WILL GIVE US A PLACE TO LAND! EARTH!
WE DID IT! EXCELLENT!
GO, PLANETEERS!


DID YOU SEE THAT? HUH? HUH? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
THEY COULD STILL FRY OUR CHOPS. BUT THEY'RE JUST KIDS.
I CAN HANDLE THEM.

GREETINGS, STRANGE SHIP. WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?

WE'RE THE PLANETEERS, YOU POLLUTION-CAUSING CREEP! AND AS SOON AS WE GET OUR BOAT SET UP...
WE'RE GONNA SAIL OVER THERE AND KICK YER CURLY PINK TAIL!

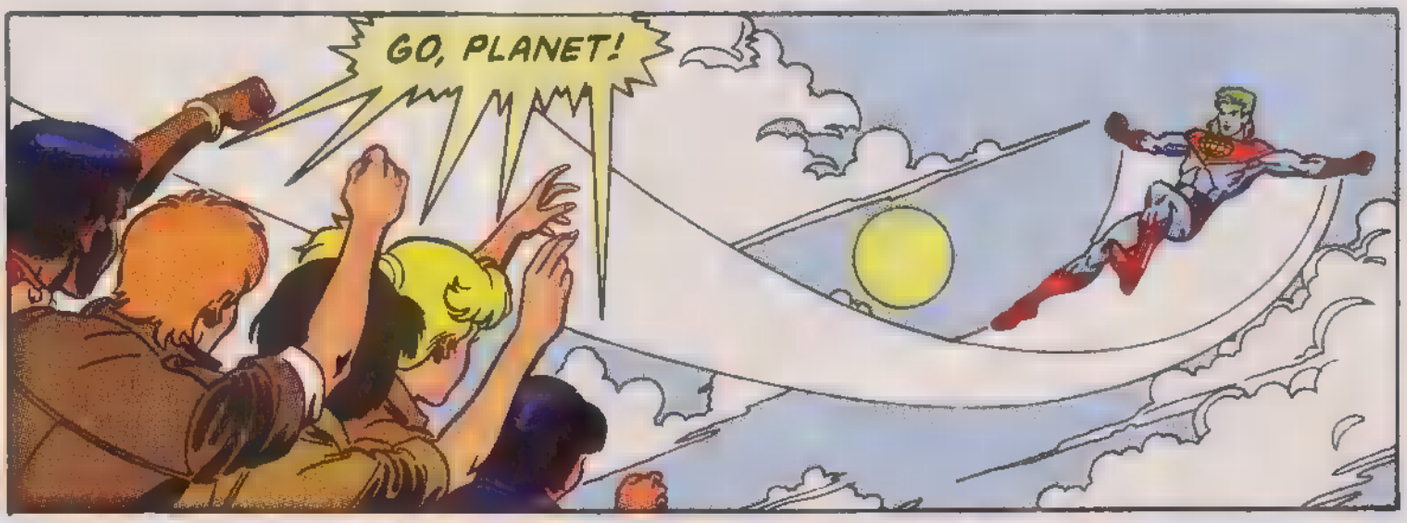
YOU'D BETTER MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS, KID, OR I'LL SHOOT OIL ALL OVER YOUR FURRY FRIENDS ON SHORE!
:GASP!: HE WILL KILL ALL THE ANIMALS!


WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
THE SITUATION IS MORE THAN WE CAN HANDLE, PLANETEERS! WE NEED HELP!
WE MUST DO AS *GAIA* ADVISED. WE MUST COMBINE OUR POWERS.
LET'S DO IT!

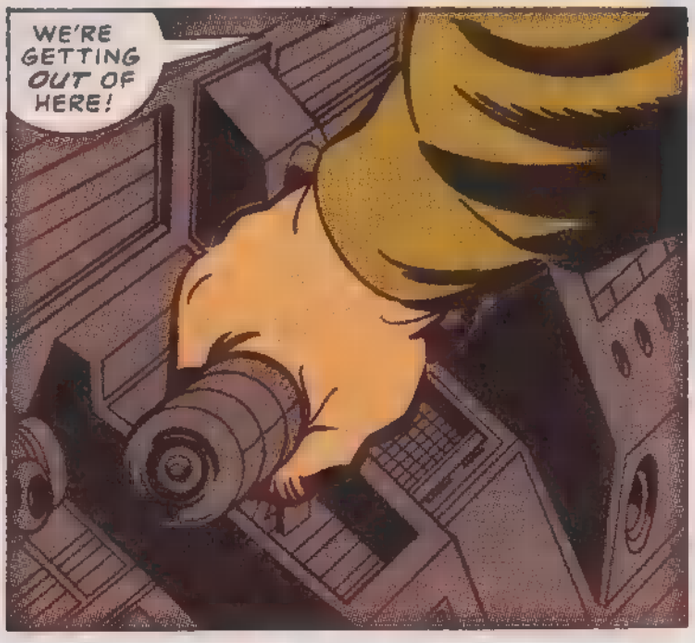
THEN LET OUR POWERS COMBINE!
EARTH!
FIRE!
WIND!
WATER!
HEART!

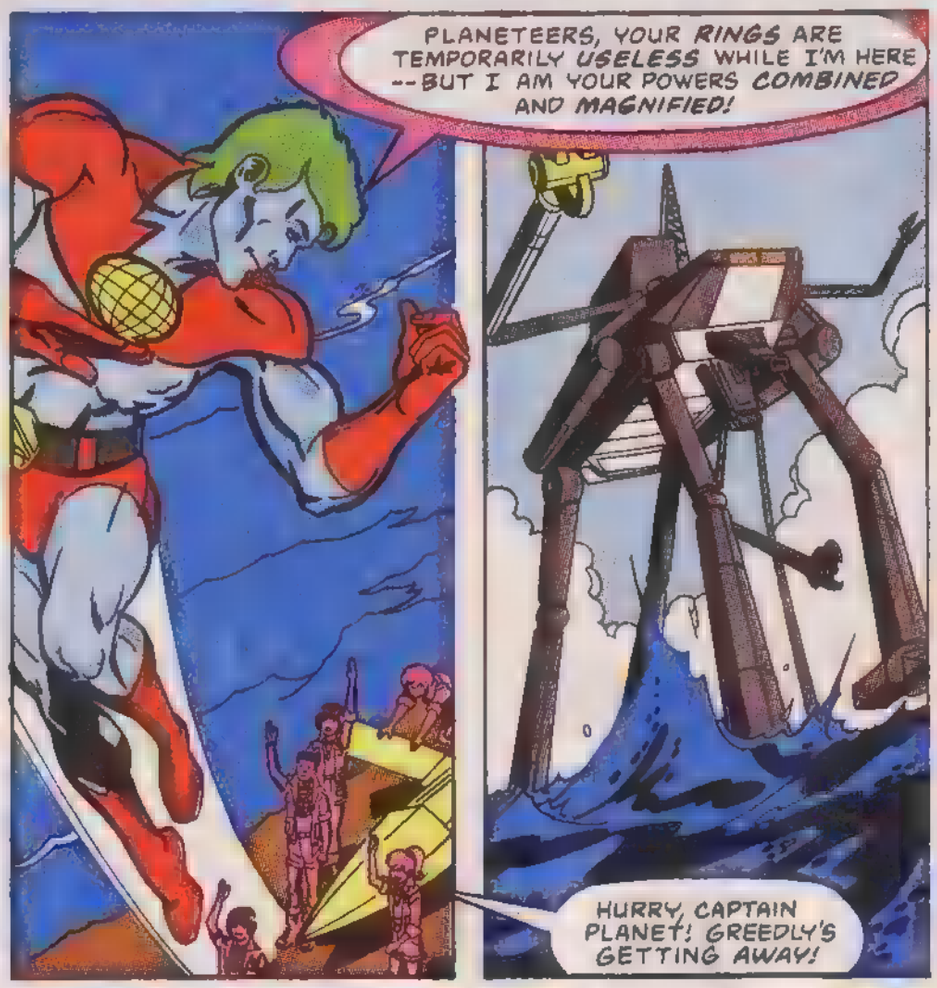
THE BEAMS FROM THE RINGS MEET IN A NIMBUS OF ENERGY...
...WHICH GLOWS BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER, AS THE FIVE ELEMENTS MERGE TO FORM ONE BEING... A BEING CREATED FROM THE VERY EARTH ITSELF!

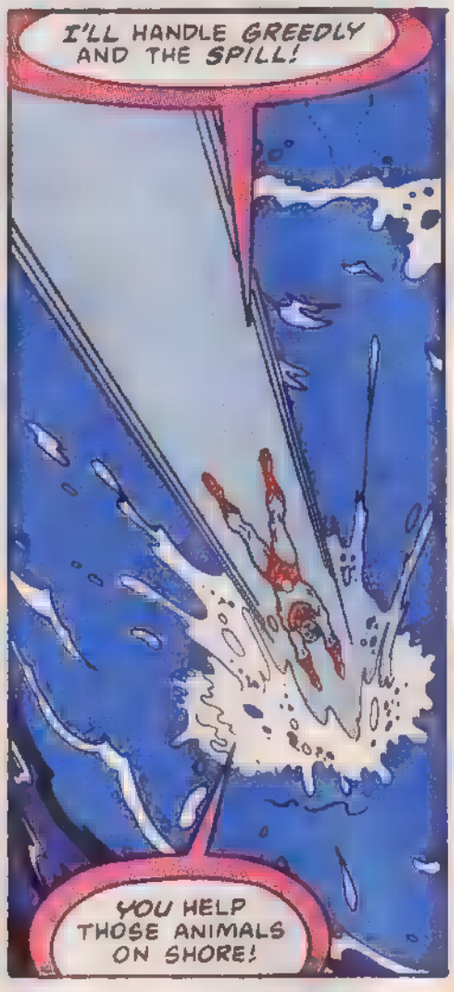
BY YOUR POWERS COMBINED ...I AM
CAPTAIN PLANET

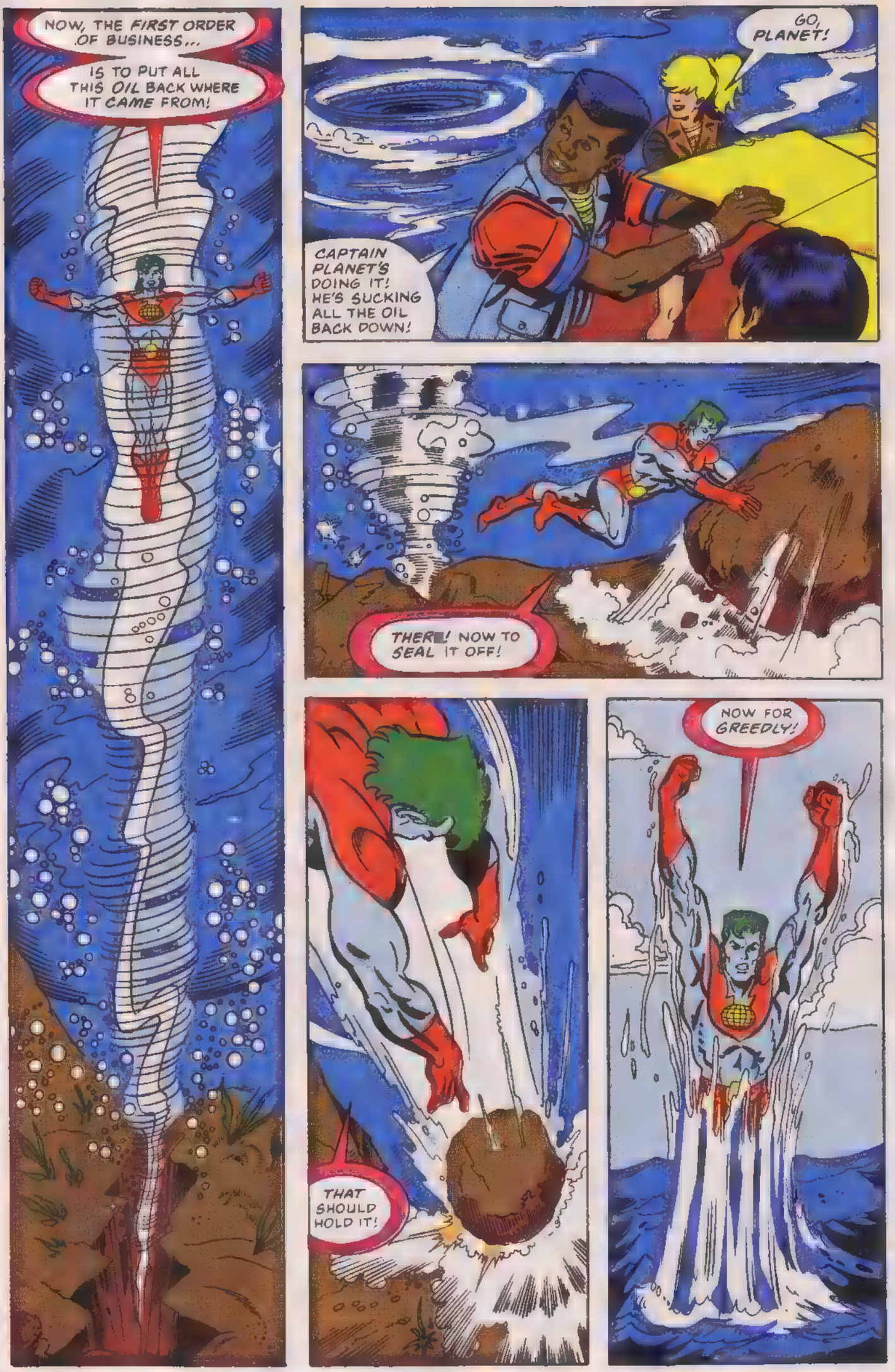

GO, PLANET!

HOLY SMOKE! WHAT THE HECK IS THAT? HUH? HUH?
TROUBLE! GET ON DECK AND MAN THE ARMS!


WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE!


PLANETEERS, YOUR RINGS ARE TEMPORARILY USELESS WHILE I'M HERE --BUT I AM YOUR POWERS COMBINED AND MAGNIFIED!
HURRY, CAPTAIN PLANET! GREEDLY'S GETTING AWAY!


I'LL HANDLE GREEDLY AND THE SPILL!
YOU HELP THOSE ANIMALS ON SHORE!


NOW, THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS...
IS TO PUT ALL THIS OIL BACK WHERE IT CAME FROM!
GO, PLANET!
CAPTAIN PLANET'S DOING IT! HE'S SUCKING ALL THE OIL BACK DOWN!
THERE! NOW TO SEAL IT OFF!
THAT SHOULD HOLD IT!
NOW FOR GREEDLY!

I THINK CAPTAIN PLANET DESERVES A GREAT BIG HAND FOR THAT!
HEH HEH! THIS DRILL WILL FINISH HIM OFF!
HA HA HA! THAT TICKLES!
BUT ENOUGH FUN! THERE'S TRASH TO TAKE OUT!
KRAAK!
YAAAAA!!
AND I KNOW JUST THE PLACE FOR GARBAGE LIKE YOU!
HEY! LEMME OUT! HEY!

HMM-- IF I CAN'T DRILL HIM-- I'LL WASTE HIM --WITH SOME TOXIC WASTE!
FWOOSH!
ARGHH!!!
THUD!
UUUUHHH...
COME ON! CAPTAIN PLANET'S IN TROUBLE!
UUUUHH ...THE TOXIC WASTE... DRAINING MY STRENGTH ...

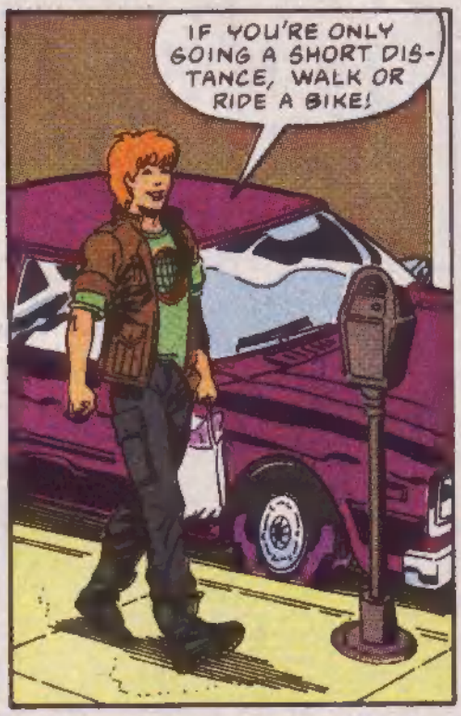
WE MUST DO SOMETHING TO HELP HIM!
LOOK! THE GLOBE ON HIS CHEST--!
IT'S GLOWING!
QUICKLY! BRING SOME WATER!
WATER? NO PROBLEM!
OOPS! I FORGOT! I DON'T HAVE MY POWER!
THEN WE MUST IMPROVISE!
LOOK OUT! GREEDLY'S STARTING TO MOVE HIS LAND BLASTER!

LET'S GO, G!!
WE'LL ROLL THAT BOULDER IN FRONT OF THE CAPTAIN TO PROTECT HIM!
ALL TOGETHER--
PUSH!
WE MUST HURRY! GREEDLY'S LAND BLASTER IS APPROACHING.
IT'S WORKING! WE STOPPED THE BLASTER-- FOR NOW!
BUT THE CAPTAIN IS STILL IN DANGER!
KKKRAKK
WE'VE GOT THE WATER!
SPLASH!
IT'S WORKING! THE SUN'S CHARGING HIM BACK UP!
HOW ARE YOU FEELING, CAPTAIN?
LIKE A BRAND-NEW HERO!

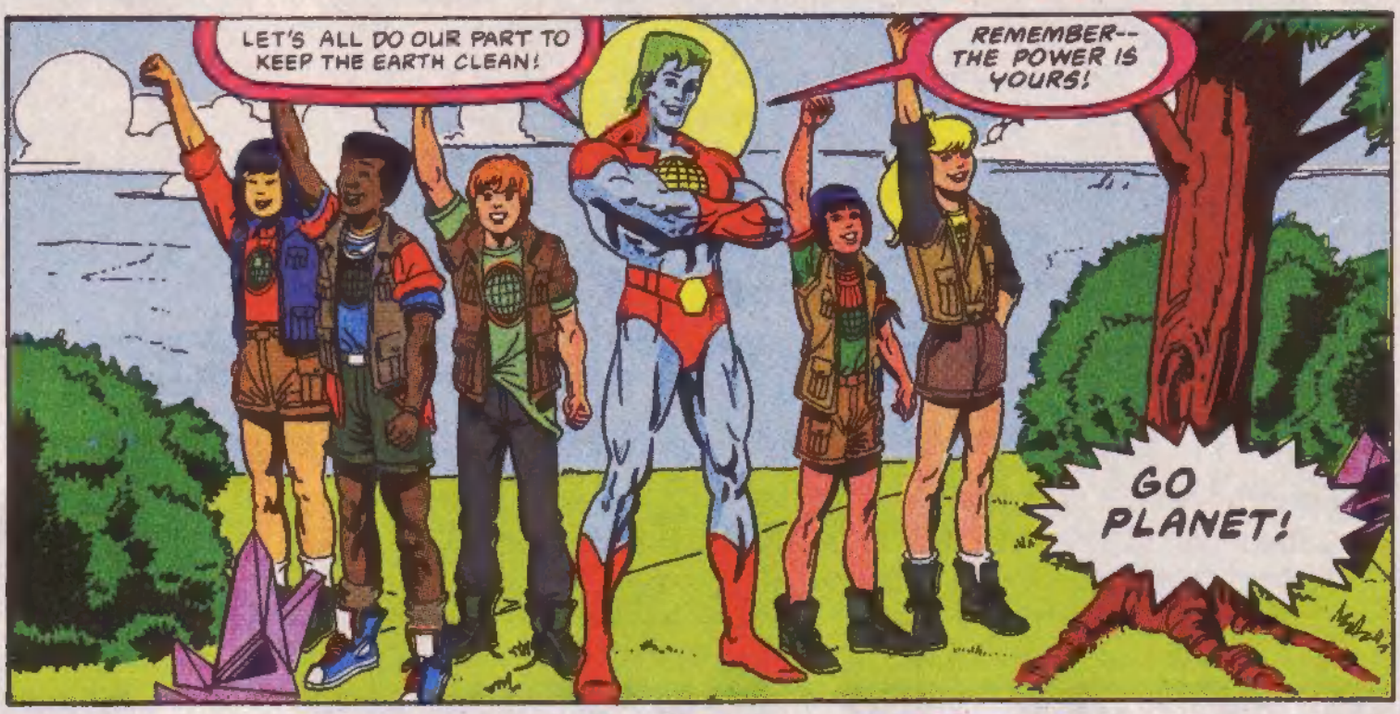
NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...
...I HAVE TO FINISH TAKING OUT THE TRASH!
I'LL BE BACK, CAPTAIN PLANET!
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE LAST OF ME!
YOU DID IT, CAPTAIN! WHAT NOW?
MY WORK HERE IS DONE, BUT YOURS IS JUST BEGINNING. REMEMBER, PLANETEERS...
THE POWER IS YOURS!
IN A FLASH, CAPTAIN PLANET IS GONE, RETURNING TO THE EARTH FROM WHICH HE CAME. HE RETURNS THEIR POWERS TO THE RINGS.
LATER...
WHY DO WE HAVE TO CLEAN UP? THIS ISN'T OUR MESS!
BECAUSE WE CARE, MY SWEET IMPERIALIST DOG! RIGHT!
AND SOME REWARDS ARE GREATER THAN MONEY!
SLURRP!
YUCK!
NEXT ALL-NEW ECO-ACTION VS. THE TWISTED DOCTOR BLIGHT!

PLANETEER ALERT
I WANT YOU TO JOIN ME AND THE PLANETEERS IN SAVING OUR PLANET!
YOU CAN FIGHT OIL SPILLS AND AIR POLLUTION BY ENCOURAGING YOUR FAMILY NOT TO WASTE GASOLINE AND FUEL OIL.

TURN OFF THE LIGHTS IN YOUR HOUSE WHEN YOU DON'T NEED THEM!


IF YOU'RE ONLY GOING A SHORT DISTANCE, WALK OR RIDE A BIKE!

IF YOU CAN CAR POOL, DO IT!


LET'S ALL DO OUR PART TO KEEP THE EARTH CLEAN!
REMEMBER-- THE POWER IS YOURS!
GO PLANET!